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**THIRD
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of

The United Church of Canada

*"One Thing Have I Desired Of The Lord, That Will
I Seek After; That I May Dwell In The House Of
The Lord All The Days Of My Life, To Behold The
Beauty Of The Lord, And To Enquire In His
Temple."*

Psalm 27:4

Golden Jubilee

of

Third Avenue United Church

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

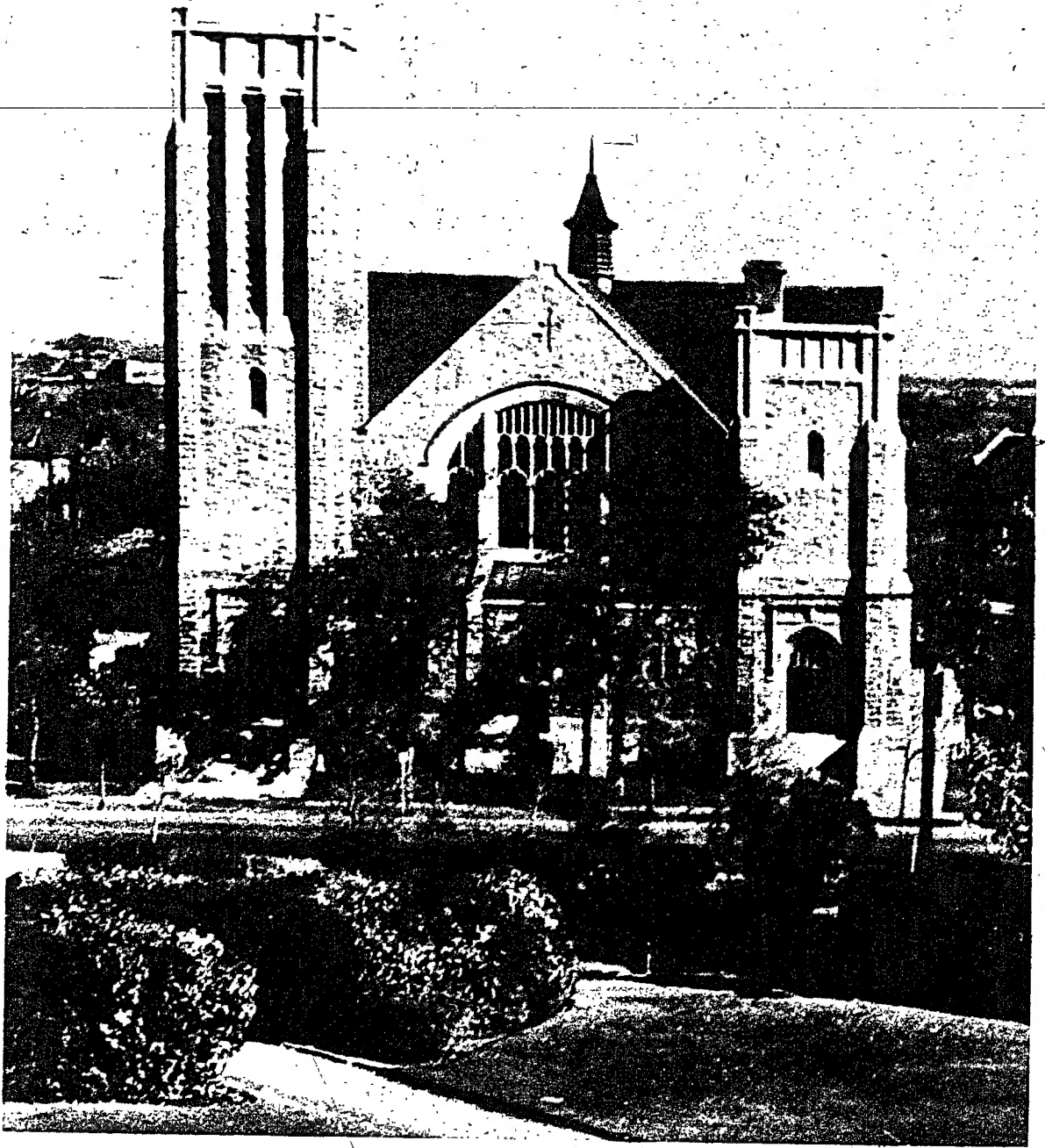
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*A Record of Service and Achievement
Down Through the Years
1901 — 1951*



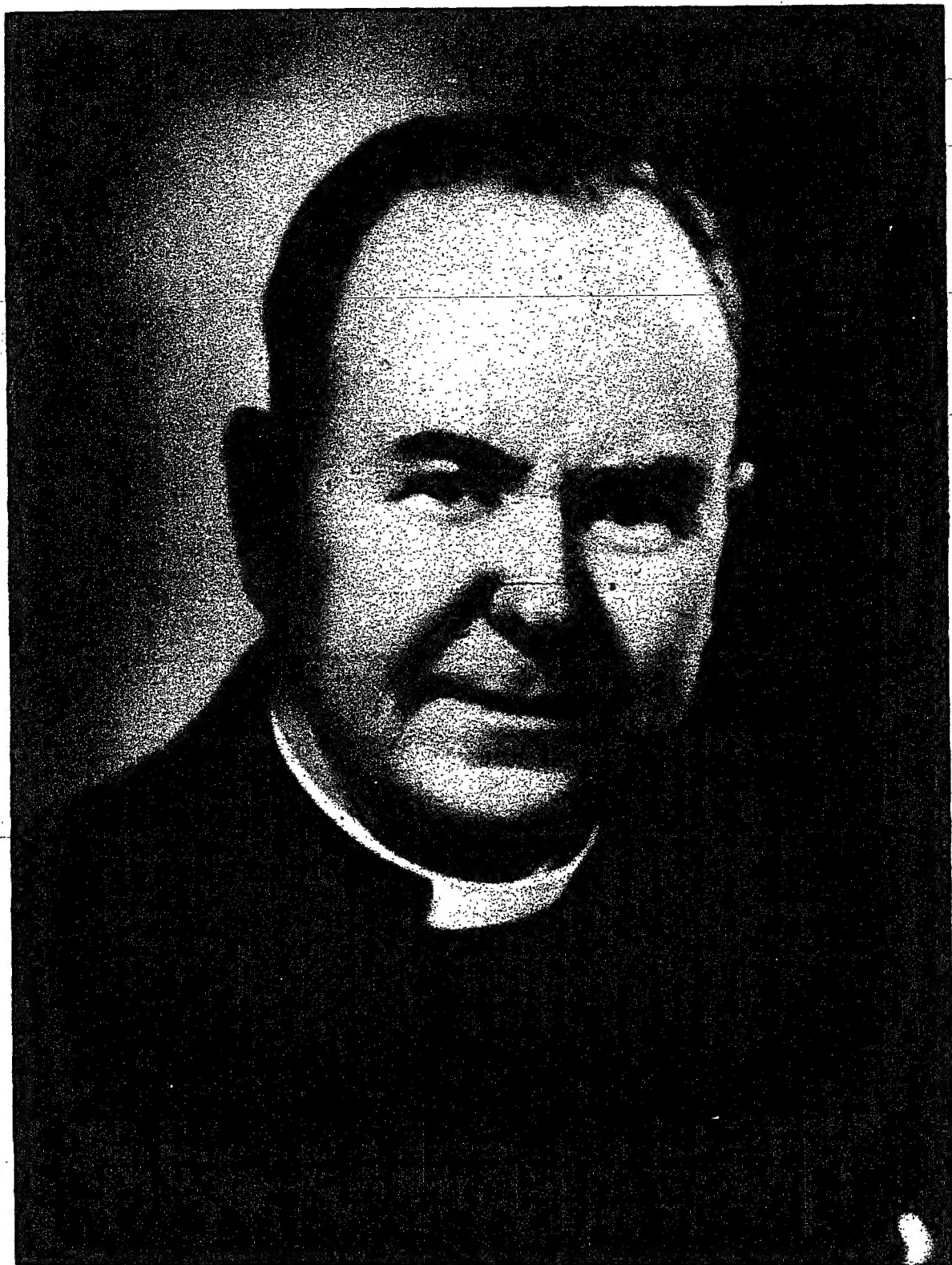
Modified Gothic in its architecture Third Avenue United Church, completed in 1913, was built from native limestone of varying shades of soft greys. This particular type of stone is found only in a restricted area close to Saskatoon.

Foreword

EVERY once in a while through life special occasions arise which we want to remember with the pride and joy of achievement, and the 50th Anniversary of our Church's life is such an one for us. The Official Board of Third Avenue Church has felt that this milestone in our history is worthy of the permanence of the printed page, and for that reason this booklet has been prepared. In it the effort is made to perpetuate memories of places and persons who have played their important part in the past and also to give expression to the flood-tide of life that is moving through the channels of the Church at the present time.

Photographs have been obtained of many groups and individuals, and efforts have been made to recreate in words many of the most outstanding events in the continuing processes of our organized life and work. These should be of deep interest to those who are alive today, and they will preserve certain facts concerning our congregational life which will continue to be of increasing interest and historic value as the years go by.

The Board trusts that members of the congregation will not only make a copy of this booklet their own, with pride in it, but that they will send copies away to friends all over Canada who will remember thankfully their association with this great Church we love so well.



Rev. Lawrence Blair Campbell, B.A., D.D.
The Minister of Third Avenue United Church

Dr. Campbell's Message

Dear Friends of Third Avenue Church,

"Fifty years ago"! How brief a time it is! And yet, measured by other standards, how wonderful it is to look back upon fifty years of a Church's Christian service in a community where life is measured "not in years", but in terms of "work well done". For fifty years, through this Church, a convincing urgency of human witness has been encouraging men and women to accept the Way of Life that is the Way of God; and human hands have been seriously occupied in work that has been offered as a glad sharing in the Master's business; and human hearts have been warmed towards those of God's family "whom, having not seen, were loved."

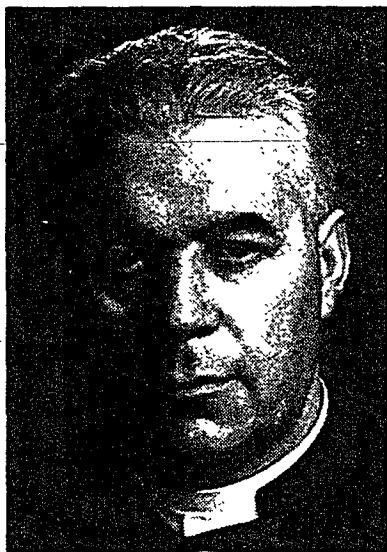
As the present Minister of Third Avenue Church I stand in a noble line of succession, for great men have been the spiritual leaders here. Situated as nearly as a church could be to the heart of a city, the pulse of life has been beating strongly within the body of our continuing interests. The moving stream of change that is ever flowing strongly through our congregational relationships, like our mighty river, has had its times of flood as well as those when "dry and dusty" was the rule . . . but the Church remained faithful to her task, and "Floreat" might well be carved above the lintels of her doors. Though people, circumstances and surroundings change here with a rapidity that often causes dismay, Third Avenue Church has unfailingly upheld a standard that will, we trust, prove as justifiable for her future existence as has the past half century of Christian service within this city.

The Church was reared in imposing grandeur by those whose faith and vision were bright with hope for the years to come. And what a wonderful work they did! Few Churches anywhere in the Dominion excel in beauty and in situation the great, gray stone structure that has so well survived the passing of these fifty years. It stands as a convincing evidence not only of faith but of works. The men and women who had part in its erection and those whose support and affectionate interest sustained it worthily through its existence are alike deserving of our present gratitude. Such an acknowledgement is thoroughly fitting. Our Church is well preserved physically and in good order for many years to come, and our hearts are glad that the future points us forward.

In a larger way, our Church has served the community well, opening her doors to many enterprises that have sustained the educational and cultural interests in our city. The various activities of the congregation have been well maintained and are at as high a level now as ever in our history, for which we are truly thankful. The changing of residential areas, and the shifting from peace to war and back again, made adjustments inevitable, but the Church's life and work went forward, and will continue to do so while the years roll on. We look forward now with increasing confidence gained through the experiences of the past, toward achievements that will honour the faith of those who built for the Kingdom of their desire, and steadied the Ark on rocky roads, and will continue to uphold the Church in all that is worthy of her Lord and Master. Together, we can do this well.

Your Minister,

Lawrence Blair Campbell.



Message from the Moderator

"This Anniversary will recall to all our minds what God has been pleased to do among us. In this place in former days He raised up righteous men and women who by courage and devotion have established this Church and made its witness secure.

I have no doubt that you who have received this great inheritance will maintain and extend the influence of this Church in your city and also nourish the wider fellowship of which you are a vital part. The city of Saskatoon will also need the kind of power the Church develops.

May God bless you all, and keep you within His Almighty Love."

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Moderator, The United Church of Canada.

The Honored Dead

World War I

Adams, Ernest

Adams, J. Reg

Bennett, Frank A.

Evans, Wilfred

German, Howard

Hanson, Samuel

Parry, Harry

Read, Samuel T.

Vigus, Rex

Wells, Gerald

Winters, A. Nicholson

World War II

Arnold, Keith

Arnold, Victor

Barkwell, John H.

Carson, Morley

Green, R. C.

Hill, Wilton Hiram

Hobson, J. Kenneth

Hunt, William

Jasper, Harvey

Lambton, Charles

Parker, Arthur

Shea, Edward

Smith, Fred

Thompson, N. R.

The Honor Roll

WORLD WAR I

Adams, Ernest,
Transport Officer
Adams, H. F., Sgt.
Adams, J. Reg.
Alcock, Russell
Alford, J.
Bailey, Austin, Lt.
Batton, Leslie
Bennett, Frank A.
Bill, Allen B.
Booth, Fred
Calcraft, T. W.
Cleveland, Grover
Colclough, Wm.
Dulmage, Anson, Lt.-Col.
Duncan, A. A.
Emery, Nelson V.
Evans, Wilfred
Fawcett, T. W., Capt.
Fawcett, O. W., Capt.
Fennell, R. T.
Fergus, R. M.
Ferrier, Russell
German, Howard
Gilpin, Ridgeway
Gordon, Clarence
Gordon, Fred
Griffith, Ambrose
Harrison, Samuel
Harrington, Frank
Hillyard, Leonard
Holmes, J. Elliott,
Lt.-Col.
Joseph, Harvey E.
King, Addison
King, George
King, Clifford
Kinsman, Herbert N.

Koyl, E. Gavin, Sgt.
Lark, J. J.
Lawrence, Al.
Lindal, Walter
McIntyre, Craig
McNeely, P. E.
Marshall, Percy
Moses, A.
Olds, C. H.
Parry, Harry
Pederson, Norman
Peters, Vernon
Playfair, Walter
Raymer, Ross
Raymer, Roy
Read, Samuel T.
Roberts, R. D.
Saunders, Norman M.
Sisman, Kathleen
Sparling, A. Walter,
Lt.-Col., D.S.O., M.C.
Sparling, Harvey H., Lt.
Stevenson, Frances, Lt.
Stamp, W. F.
Strum, Roger, Sgt. Major
Struthers, Fred
Swansborough, Geo.
Taylor, Koodsworth
Turnbull, E. L.
Vigus, Rex
Walker, Dr. T. W.
Webb, Milton
Webb, Gerald
Wells, Gerald, Lt.
Wilson, Thos.
Wilson, Norman A.
Winters, A. Nicholson,
Lt.

The Honor Roll

WORLD WAR II

Anderson, James G.
Anderson, Dr. Lloyd
Arnold, Keith

Badger, Wyman
Baldwin, W. E.
Banks, Gerald E.
Barkwell, John H.
Barkwell, Melba R.
Barrick, J. S.
Boettger, Robert
Booth, A.
Booth, W.
Boughton, John C.
Brown, J. W.
Buhler, Garth P.
Buie, Gordon A.
Buie, Donald
Bulmer, W. H.
Bulmer, Harold

Cairns, Robt. B.
Campbell, J. M.
Capeling, Lawrence
Carley, Lloyd H.
Carson, Morley
Carson, Douglas W.
Castle, Stewart V.
Champlin, M. G.
Clark, Orville G.
Clark, L. M.
Clearwater, O. H.
Coad, H. H.
Coghlan, Robert
Collins, Lorne B.
Condie, Ed.
Cooke, John Roulstone
Creed, Donald A.
Creed, Lawrence W.
Crocker, Stewart C.
Cronk, Allan E.
Cruise, Robert Alex.

Dart, John E.
Davey, Robert
Daykin, B. O.
Donald, Stanley H.
Doran, W. R.
Douglas, Chas. A. L.
Drinkle, Kenneth C.
Drinkle, M. C.
Drinkle, Reuben R.
Drinkle, Harold
Dunlop, D. J.

Eddy, James N.
Elliott, Trueman K.
Elliott, Erwin B.

Fair, J. R.
Fast, A. C. (W.D.)
Fawcett, Chas. D.
Ferguson, R. T.
Fletcher, D. J.

Firth, Ron
Fullerton, (Mrs. W.
W.D.
Fullerton, Ross E.

Gemmil, Donald L.
Gilmour, W.
Girling, L. F.
Graham, G. T.
Graham, G. G. K.
Green, K. E. (W.D.)
Green, Robert Clark
Grover, L. W.
Guthrie, A. R.
Guthrie, A.

Haines, Alf. R.
Hall, Kenneth
Hall, Raymond
Hanes, A. E.
Hannan, R. R.
Hargreaves, E.
Harper, Tom
Harvey, Harold
Hellofs, C. M.
Hellofs, W. A. J.
Hendren, S. Gordon
Hendren, J.
Hess, Cleveland
Hicks, Donald A.
Hicks, W. H. Dr.
Hill, Wilton Hiram
Hobson, J. Kenneth
Hobson, D. P.
Hobson, Arthur
Hodgson, R. E.
Hodgson, Edwin C.
Hoglin, Paul
Holmes, Kells
Holmes, A. D.
Homan, Josh
Horbay, Mary (W.D.)
Howard, J. D. K.
Hughes, W. N.
Humphries, J. V.
Hunt, William C.
Huston, G. J.
Huston, L. D.

Irwin, Jack D.
Irwin, R. A.
Irwin, Charles

James, Ada. M. (W.D.)
James, Jos. D.
Jasper, Harvey
Jewell, Arthur R.
Jones, Fred

Kargut, C. W.
Keene, John Richard
Kernen, Fred W.
King, Clifford G.
Knight, Lowry

Korpan, N. H.
Koyl, L. F.
Koyl, J. E.
Koyl, D. H.

Lambton, Charles
Landblom, Austin
Lathrope, Chas. E.
Leightner, Winnifred
(W.D.)
Lewis, Fenton
Littlewood, Rev. A. T.
Love, Wm. H.
Luke, F. W.

McAfee, Robert H.
McCauley, Claud W.
McClelland, J. L.
McConnell, J. W.
McDonald, Norman S.
McDougall, J.
McMillan, John D.
MacDonald, Stanley H.
MacDonald, J. A.
McPherson, K. R.
McQuarrie, Jack H.
MacKlem, Robert J.

Maybin, F. M.
Mathewson, Len J.
Meek, Albert G.
Medland, Stan L.
Milburn, Robert
Miller, Chas.
Miller, C. R. O.
Mills, Charles R.
Mitchelmore, H. W.
Mitchelmore, R. E.
Morrison, R. J.
Morrison, J. W.
Morris, R. F.
Morrison, Rev. E. N.
Munron, Rod S.
Murphy, D. Kent

Nell, Robert S.
Nerby, Carl D.
Nerby, Rodger W.
Nicholson, W. H.
Noyes, Clark O.
Noyes, Floyd

Ormsen, Bert
Page, Rueben B.
Page, George N.
Pappas, Thomas
Parker, Arthur
Parr, Bob
Peterson, C. E.
Peterson, F. C.
Perks, A.
Plue, James Stanley
Procter, Albert A.

Pocketts, N. D.
Rayner, John E.
Reid, Grant C.
Remple, Elfrida (W.D.)
Rhodes, E. Donald
Rhodes, James A.
Rodgers, Fletcher
Rollefson, C. J.
Rollefson, James P.
Rose, Herbert H.
Rose, Albert
Ross, Philip D. Rev.
Ruemper, H. R.
Ruemper, Ralph
Ruemper, S. E.
Ryland, Chas.

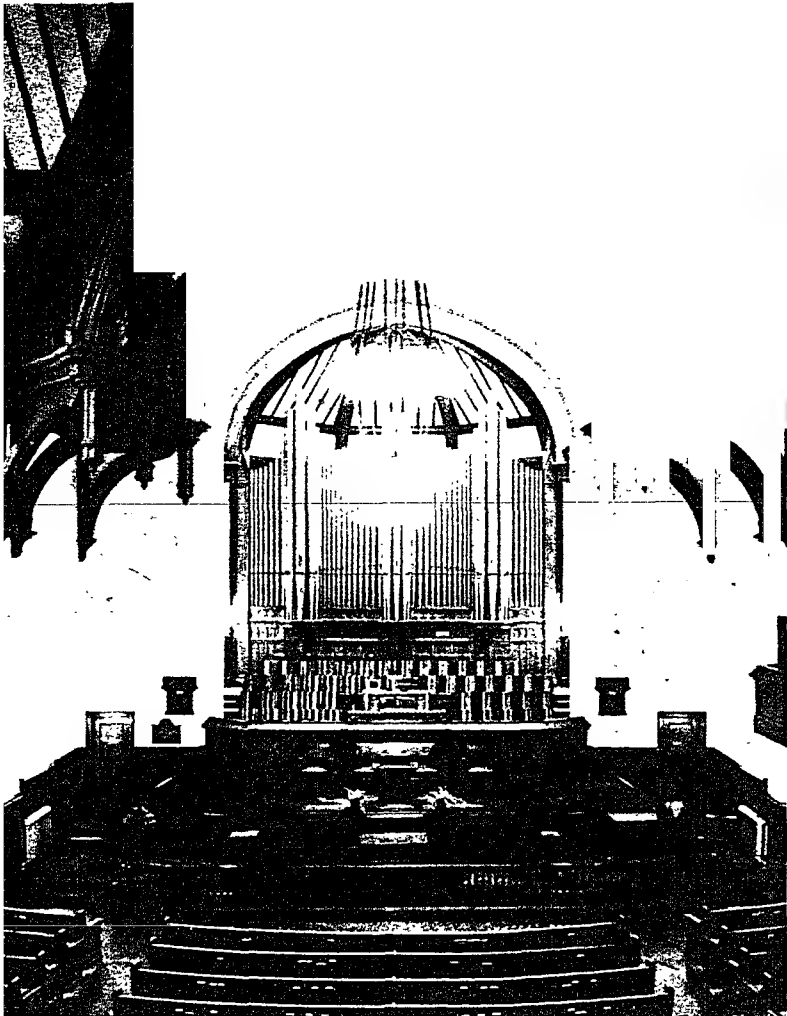
Savage, L. G.
Schroeder, E. L. M.
Schwalm, M. R. (W.D.)
Schwalm, G. K.
Shaw, J. A.
Shea, Edward
Siddons, Dave
Sigvaldson, Eric A.
Sim, C. D.
Simmons, B.
Simon, Hartley
Singleton, Bruce D.
Singleton, Allan E.
Singleton, Chalmers M.
Smith, Fred
Smith, James E.
Snow, M. A.
Stannard, Vaughan
Stebbins, Wilf. R.
Stockton, D. N. F.
Stone, R. A.

Taylor, Allister
Thompson, G. W.
Thompson, N. R.
Treleaven, D. H.
Truscott, John D.
Turner, W. L. (Walter)

Vanalstine, Robert S.

Ward, W. Harold
Ward, A. E.
Watson, Alex.
Weir, Don C.
Wensley, Ralph N.
Wheeler, Bob
White, E. J. N. (W.D.)
White, Robert G.
White, I. T.
Wilson, Tom J.
Wilson, James
Wood, R. E.

Young, Wm. Allan



Church Interior, Pulpit and Organ

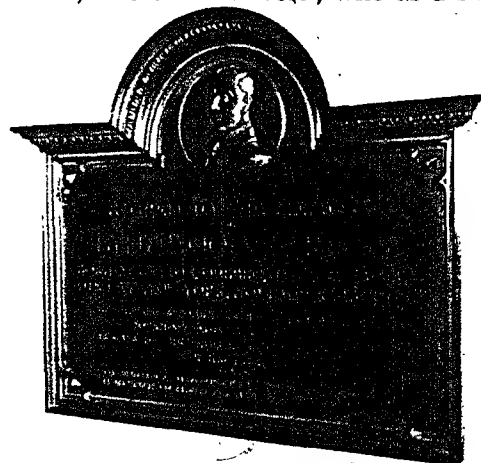
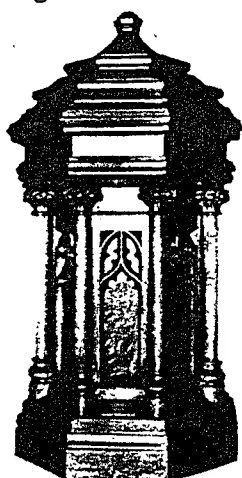
On entering the large Auditorium the observer is immediately impressed with the spaciousness and with the arresting appearance of the lofty hammer-beam rafters to which perhaps only Westminster Hall in London, England, has a similarity. The heavy, massive oak beams present a cathedral-like impressiveness, with an involuntary spiritual appeal, while the subdued light from the beautifully coloured windows is reflected in the great gold pipes of the Casavant organ. An engineering triumph in construction is that of the encircling galleries unsupported by pillars to mar the view of the interior. The whole—a perfect setting for the

spirit of worship. The Casavant organ is noted for its deep full tone of superior quality. By the will of the late Andrew N. Boyd \$12,000 was bequeathed as a Memorial for the Organ Fund. The bronze plaque on the organ is placed in memory of Dorothy M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew N. Boyd.

The Baptismal Font

The Musicians of Saskatoon presented the chastely beautiful Baptismal Font as a gift Memorial to the world famous Lynwood Farnam, late of New York, who as a skill-

ed organist, and interpreter of Bach in particular, occupies a pre-eminent place in the Hall of Fame. Mr. Farnam frequently played on this organ and was a friend of Third Avenue Church and people. Also presented by the musicians, in commemoration of his contribution to the musical life of the city, is a bronze memorial tablet, installed to the left of the pulpit.



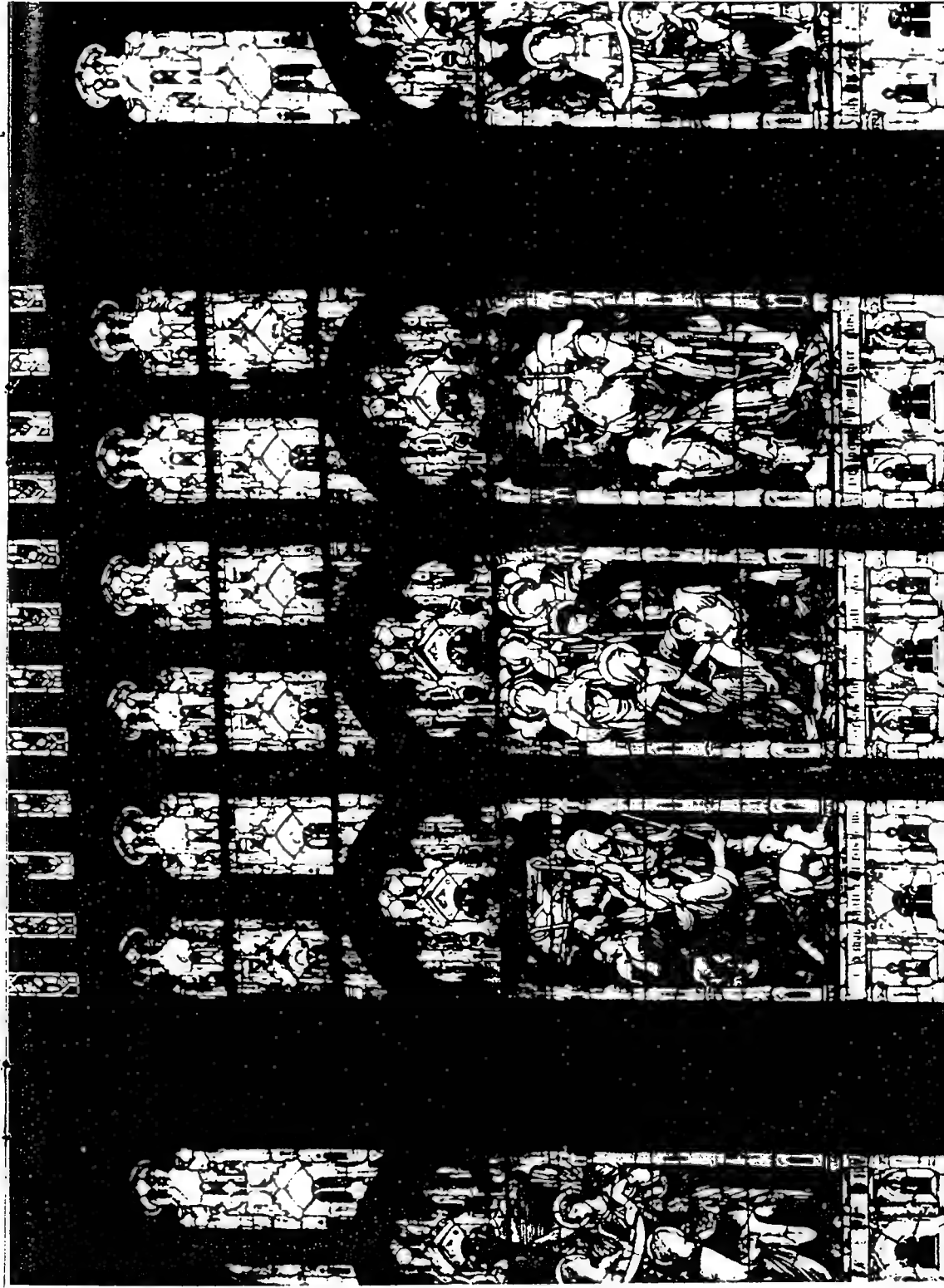
The Windows

The auditorium is very suitably lighted by a complete set of stained glass windows. They are modified Gothic in style and are placed in the east, west and south gables of the building.

In all the windows the figures are life size, faces full of expression, prominently placed, with suitable backgrounds of Italian colours, so characteristic of all Church paintings of early periods of ecclesiastical thinking. The figures are clothed in the native costumes of the time and country, and seem very real and life-like.

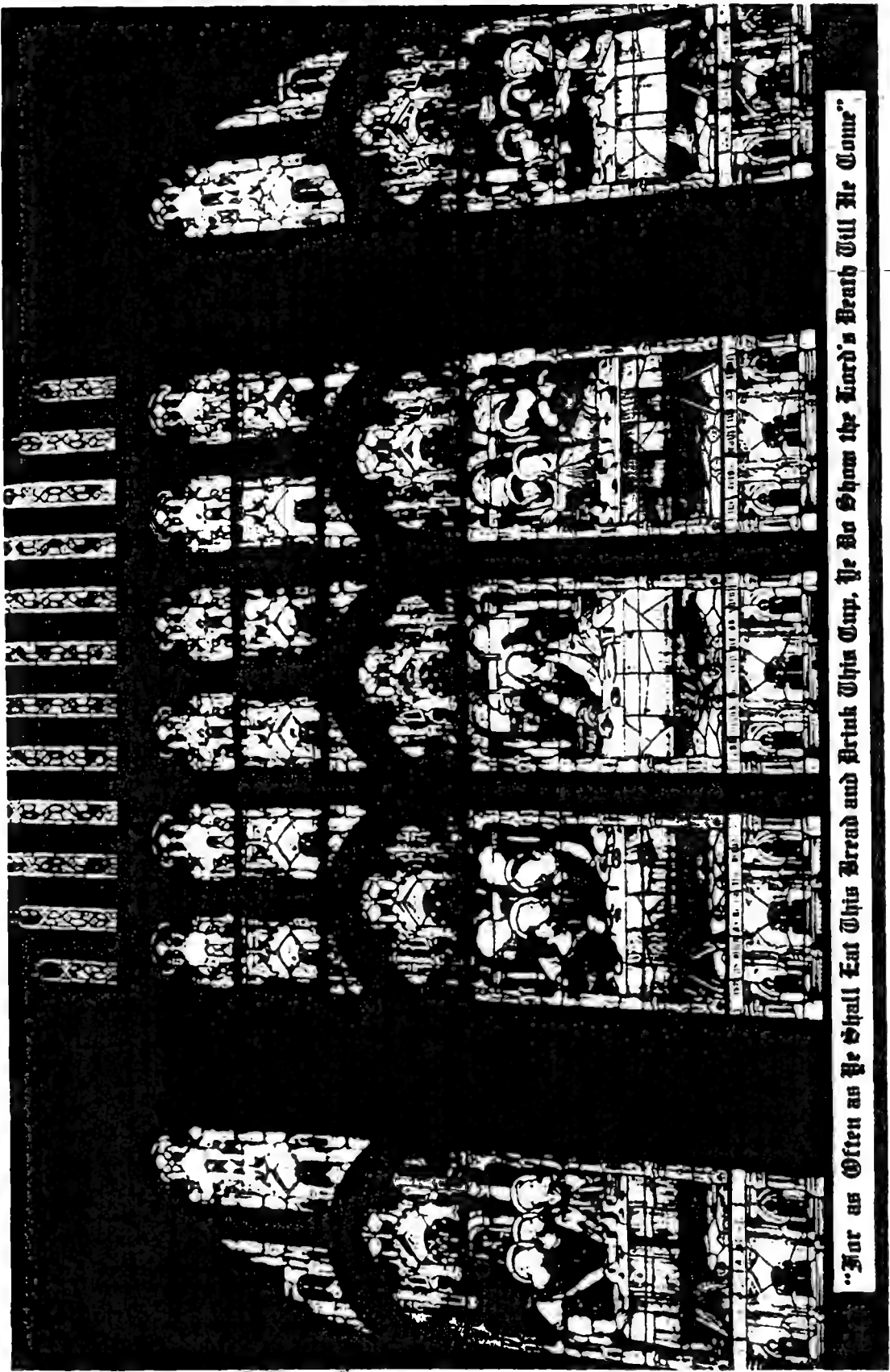
Passages of scripture occupy a ribbon-like border at the base of each window and very fittingly explain the text of the artistry above.

The windows are twenty-seven feet wide at the base and twenty-two feet high at the apex, and are divided into three sections, the centre one being the largest, surrounded by hard cut facings and sills of Tyndal lime stone in shades of grey harmonizing with the architecture. No greater contribution could have been planned for a Cathedral-like Church such as Third Avenue United.



"And Thou Shalt Call His Name Jesus for He Shall Save His People from Their Sin."

The East Window is strikingly beautiful. "The Nativity" shows the Infant Babe with Joseph and Mary surrounded by the Shepherds and Wise men, and with a rural background. This is well and wisely placed in the East, indicative of a rising Star.



"For as Often as Ye Shall Eat This Bread and Drink This Cup, Ye Do Show the Lord's Death Till He Come"

The South Window is a replica of the famous painting—"The Last Supper"—by Leonardo da Vinci and reflects its beauty as the sunlight streams through during the greater part of the day. Its strong colours of red, yellow, orange, blue and green tend to enrich the whole interior and undoubtedly proves a great inspiration to any speaker as he views it from the pulpit.



"I Am The Way. The Truth and The Life: No Man Cometh Unto The Father But By Me"

"The Sermon on the Mount", is the title of the window placed on the West side of the Church, showing Jesus—a central figure—surrounded by his Disciples and others, all spellbound by His words and teachings. The whole setting is landscaped with a clear blue sky in the distance. This window is a veritable thing of beauty at sunset. Through this, the setting sun immortalizes the words of the poet—

"Day is dying in the west,
Heaven is touching earth with rest;
Wait and worship while the night
Sets her evening "lamps alight
Through all the sky."



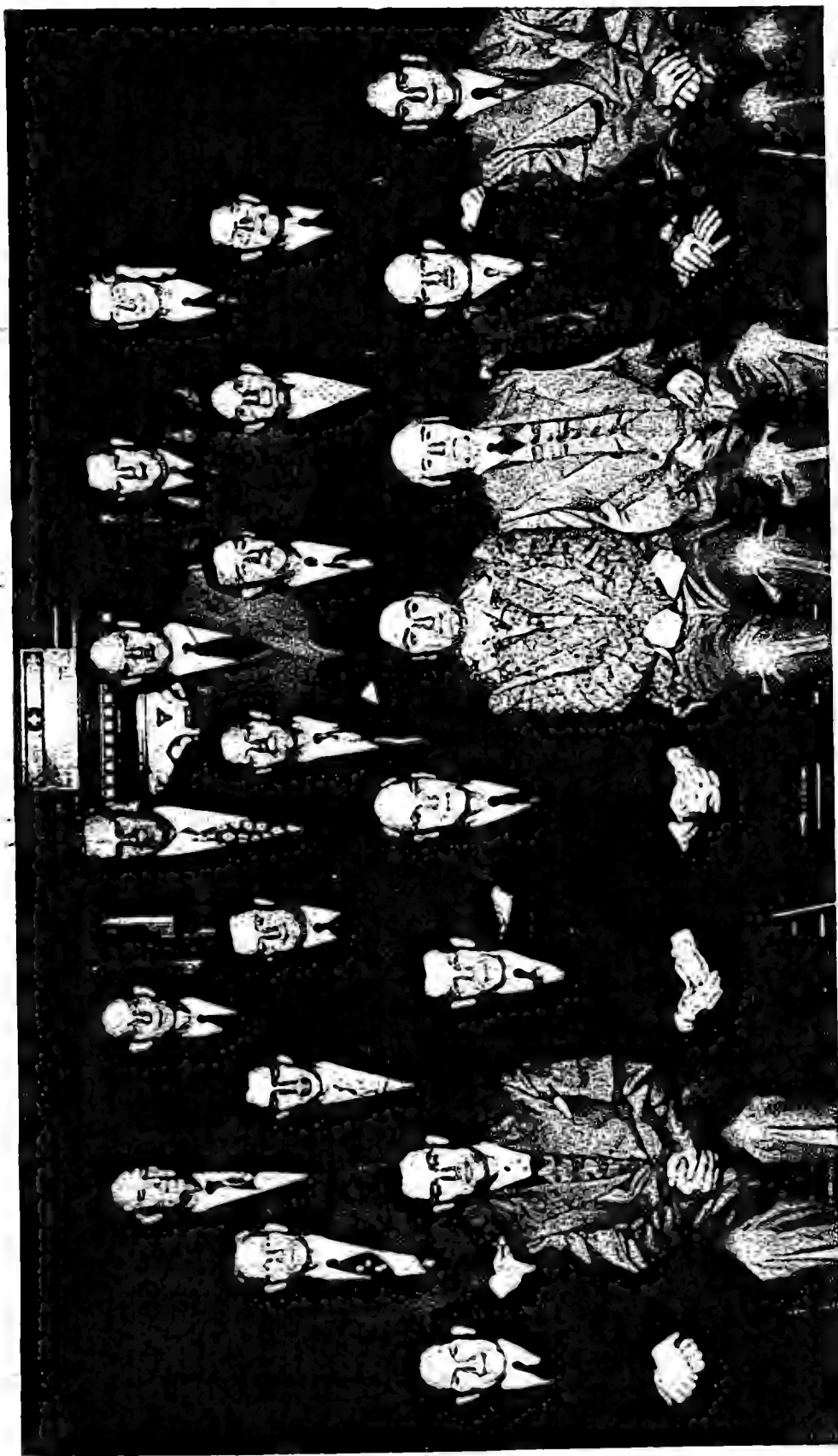
The Session of Third Avenue United Church

Back row, left to right: L. R. Sutherland, H. M. Earle, N. H. Korpan, N. Rayner, C. Stackhouse, Dr. W. H. Hicks, R. T. Lohman—Supt. Church School, W. H. Crocker, Neil Grant, C. G. Fullerton, C. A. Murphy, R. Firth, H. M. Fisher.

Centre row, left to right: C. Hess, C. A. Gracewood, T. J. Matthews, H. B. Long, J. H. Stockton, A. Roy Clarke, R. A. Downey, F. L. Deugau, Evan Jones, G. F. Schwalm.

Front row: J. M. Singleton, Mrs. T. W. Fawcett, Mrs. R. C. Thompson, S. E. Fawcett (Clerk of Session), Rev. Dr. L. B. Campbell (Chairman), J. H. Holmes, Mrs. F. A. Maguire, Mrs. S. J. Clark, T. W. Fawcett, W. L. Noyes.

Other Elders not in picture: W. G. B. Courtney, E. W. Crocker, C. P. DeRoche, Geo. Fennimore, John Morrison, W. R. Murray, L. C. Postle, J. R. Young, Joe James, W. G. Clark.



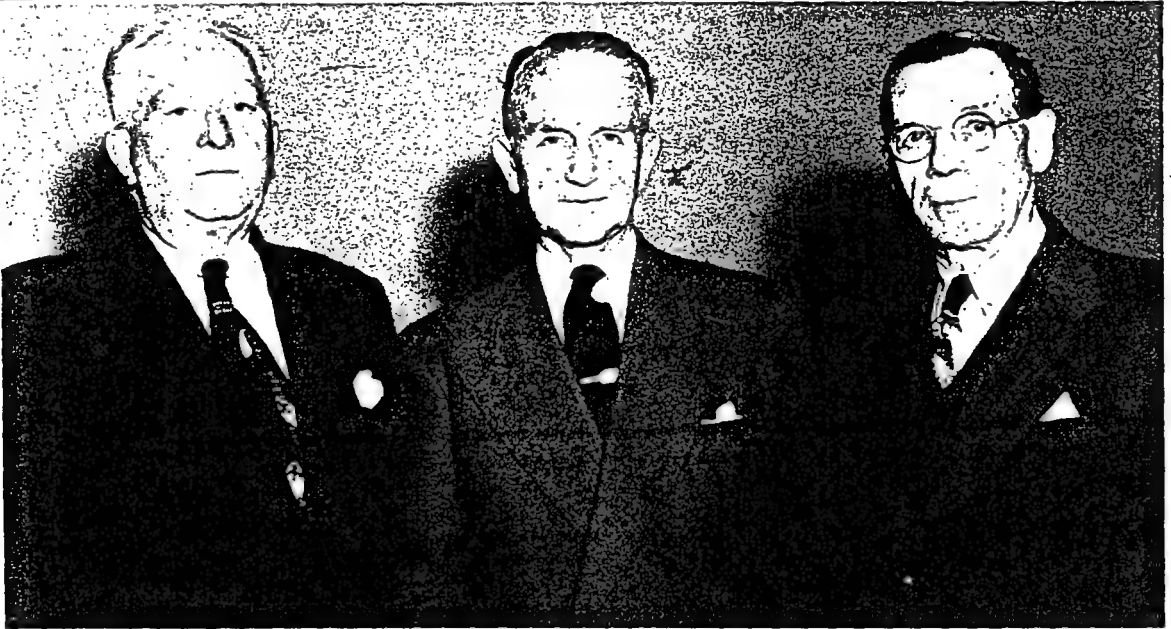
The Stewards--Third Avenue United Church

Back row, left to right: G. F. Schwalb, C. F. Irwin, J. DeLisle Thompson, J. A. McKay, Mel Evans, T. W. McCain.
 Center row: Q. H. Fallis, Gordon Hess, J. A. Condy, J. W. McKenzie, E. W. Crocker, A. L. Nicholson, F. R. Cosford.
 Front row: H. F. Ready, R. H. Trickey (Vice-Chairman), T. W. Fawcett (Church Treasurer), P. C. Hagle (Chairman), A. Taylor, W. L. Noyes, G. G. Patrick, A. E. Chapman.
 Other Stewards not in picture: D. E. Gauley, O. O. Jackson, C. O. Noyes (Secretary), J. R. Young, C. P. DeRoche, L. R. Grant, H. F. Johnson, C. G. King, M. G. Landblom.

The Official Board

The Official Board is made up of the members of the Session; the Committee of Stewards, and the Presiding Officers of Organizations listed below:

Mr. T. W. Fawcett	Representative	Trustee Board
Mrs. H. W. Mitchell	President	Women's Missionary Society
Mrs. J. W. Sutherland	President	Woman's Association
Miss Irene Seierstad	President	Young People's Union
Mr. Clark O. Noyes	President	The Choir
Mr. R. T. Lohman	Superintendent	Church School



Long continued and devoted service has been rendered to the Church by these three men:

Mr. J. H. Holmes has been Recording Steward since 1906. He has long been a member of the Trustee Board and has been honoured by the Church at large as President of the Laymen's Association, a member of the Presbytery, and of Saskatchewan Conference on several occasions, and also a commissioner of General Council.

Mr. T. W. Fawcett has been Treasurer of the Church since the spring of 1907; a member of the Trustee Board since 1909; the Treasurer of Presbytery and a member of Conference and commissioner of General Council several times. He also served as president of the Laymen's Association.

Mr. W. M. Holliston became a member of the Choir in 1904, and has continued an important member of that choral group continuously since. He has been President of the Young People's Society and also Superintendent of the Sunday School. He has rendered signal service in the decoration of the Church on many special occasions.

Mr. S. E. Fawcett (right) has been a pillar of our church of long standing and has given conspicuous service to the church in various ways. He was elected Clerk of Session in 1932 and has been devoted and energetic in that office which he still holds. He has been honoured on several occasions by being chosen a Member of Presbytery, of Conference, and as President of the Laymen's Association. He was also commissioner to General Council.



Women's Organizations

The consecrated womanhood of Third Avenue Church has played a significant and permanent part during these fifty years—a part so important in its labour of love and devotion that without this help the men of the Church could not alone have carried on.



Back row, left to right: Mrs. L. B. Campbell, Mrs. E. W. Crocker, Mrs. N. Rayner (Treasurer), Mrs. L. Tubb, Mrs. W. R. Murray (Secretary).

Front row: Mrs. L. J. Levenick, Mrs. A. L. Nicholson, Mrs. J. W. Sutherland (President), Mrs. D. Buie, Mrs. R. J. Ross.

Officers of the Women's Association

Mrs. James Leslie, Mrs. A. J. Sparling, Mrs. W. H. Cleveland, Mrs. Audrain, Mrs. G. E. Knechtel, Mrs. John Adams, Mrs. Elliott Gordon, Mrs. S. E. Fawcett, Mrs. M. Champlin, Mrs. A. J. Butt, Mrs. H. M. Fisher, Mrs. E. B. Metcalf, Mrs. Jardine, Mrs. F. A. Maguire, Mrs. James Brandon, Mrs. S. J. Clark, Mrs. H. C. Boughton, Mrs. A. L. Parker, Mrs. W. H. Dart, Mrs. C. G. King, Mrs. J. W. Sutherland, Officers of the Women's Association in 1951 are: President, Mrs. J. W. Sutherland; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. L. J. Levenick; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. L. B. Campbell; Treasurer, Mrs. Ned Rayner; Secretary, Mrs. W. Randolph Murray; Correspondence Secretary, Mrs. A. R. Firth; Pianist, Mrs. L. Tubb.



Back row: Mrs. J. M. Singleton, (2nd Vice-President), Mrs. H. M. Fisher, Mrs. G. C. Harper (1st Vice-President), Mrs. S. E. Fawcett (Treasurer), Mrs. F. H. Bingham, Mrs. E. G. Hancock, Mrs. E. Lee, Miss Shannon.

Center row: Mrs. L. B. Campbell, Mrs. O. O. Jackson (Superintendent Cradle Roll), Mrs. D. M. Milne, Miss Ellen Parker, Miss N. M. Barnett, Mrs. R. Dodd (Secretary), Miss M. Sanderson.

Front row: Miss Ida Cruickshank, Mrs. R. C. Thompson, Mrs. D. Buie, Mrs. H. W. Mitchell (President), Mrs. H. J. Kerns, Mrs. C. Hess, Miss Joy Clark.

Officers of the W.M.S.

Mrs. R. J. W. Churchill, Mrs. Fred E. Kerr, Mrs. Elliott Gordon, Mrs. A. E. York, Mrs. T. W. Fawcett, Mrs. Pickard, Mrs. G. B. Cleveland, Mrs. T. W. Fawcett, Mrs. R. V. Humphries, Mrs. R. C. Thompson, Mrs. D. Buie, Mrs. H. M. Fisher, Mrs. H. W. Mitchell 1950-1951.

The W.M.S. is highly organized, with six groups—Senior Auxiliary, two Evening Auxiliaries; A Mission Circle, a Mission Band and a Baby Band.

Sunday School

"Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 19-14.

Like unto the hot-bed where young plants are nourished and grow into great beauty and perfection, so the Sunday School is the training ground for the citizens of tomorrow, both in Church and state. Third Avenue's Honor Roll of Leadership is dedicated to the memory of officers and teachers who have devoted their time and talents to the service of youth training.



Back row, left to right: Mrs. R. J. Henderson, Miss Rosemary Shea, Mrs. R. J. Ross, Miss Joan Ponath, Miss Audrey MacDonald, Miss Ida Cruickshank, Miss Meryl Case, Mrs. C. F. Rhoden, Mrs. O. O. Jackson (Supt. Cradle Roll), Mrs. Evan Bigelow.

Center row: Mrs. W. A. Dyer, Mrs. N. H. Korpan, Mrs. Mel Evans, Mrs. John Morrison (Supt. Nursery Dept.), Mrs. W. R. Robson, Mrs. Q. H. Fallis, Miss Mary Pleass, Mrs. E. A. Stacey, Mrs. H. V. Ross (Supt. Primary Dept.), Mrs. J. W. MacKenzie.

Bottom row: Miss Marlene Hill, Mrs. C. Hess, Mr. H. B. Long (Secretary-Treasurer), Mr. R. T. Lohman (Supt. of School), Rev. Dr. Campbell, Mr. G. N. Thurber, Mr. Neil Grant, Mrs. H. J. Kernan, Miss N. M. Barnett.

Those not present: Misses Elsie Marie Nellis, Kay Holmes, Shirley Ceaser, Marion Ceaser, Gladys Ross, Florence Hill, June Firth, Arlee Simmonds, Alice McKenzie, Doreen Perks, Jean Ryland, Sheila McMurphy, Verna Ormson, Mrs. H. F. Johnson, Mrs. L. C. Postle, Mr. L. R. Grant, Mr. D. E. Gauley, Clark Shea and Ron Ross (Assistants to Secretary).

OUR SUPERINTENDENTS:

Frank R. Oliver, A. J. Sparling, John Spicer, T. W. Fawcett, J. Howard German, W. L. Noyes, R. A. Downey, A. H. Westhaver, Alfred Daykin, J. M. Singleton, F. H. Bingham, W. M. Holliston, R. A. Downey, Neil Grant, R. T. Lohman (1951).

The Nursery Department of the Sunday School is organized under the capable care of Mrs. John Morrison.

NORTH PARK CITY AREA

After several years of ineffective consideration of a growing necessity for religious service in the North Park city area, Saskatoon Presbytery requested Third Avenue Session to assume responsibility for this development. Under the guidance of Mr. John Stockton and Mr. N. H. Korpan, a Sunday School was organized, which has been carried

on with increasing success. Mr. Stockton has acted as Superintendent of the School very acceptably. Mr. Korpan's interest has been very sincere and helpful. Meetings have been held in the public School. Teachers from North Park have been giving outstandingly effective leadership in this new work. Miss Marjorie Steadman, B.A., graduating student in Theology at St. Andrew's College, has been appointed by the Home Mission Board of The United Church to this new field. Dr. Campbell is supervising Pastor.

SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

A Sunday School is conducted at the School for the Deaf, on behalf of the United Church children in attendance. Sixty-seven pupils are receiving religious instruction in this United Church Sunday School, under the supervision of Dr. Campbell and five volunteer teachers.



Choir Director

OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR, Mr. Fred A. MacKinnon, B.A., M.Educ., came to Third Avenue Church in 1948. He has always been interested in musical work, giving rewarding leadership to Collegiate Choral Groups in Saskatoon Schools. He has also been a member of the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra. Transferring to North Battleford, he assumed the leadership of Third Avenue United Church choir in that city. Upon his return to Saskatoon as newly appointed Child Guidance Counsellor for the Public Schools of the city, he was given the position of Choir Director of Third Avenue United Church, which he has held very successfully ever since.

Church Organist

OUR Church Organist, Mr. Thomas R. Whittet, came to us from Regina. His musical career began with years of instruction on the organ by his mother, who was Church organist in a Cambridgeshire town in England. Coming to Canada, Mr. Whittet became organist in St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Regina. Then for fourteen years he was organist of Knox United Church, Regina. Following that period he was Organist and Choir Director of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, for three years. After a brief period as organist of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Regina, Mr. Whittet was transferred to Saskatoon, where in 1948 he was appointed as organist to Third Avenue Church. His service has been most acceptable and of high standard, and he is a distinct acquisition to the musical life of the city.



The Ministry of Music

THE contribution made to public worship and social life in Third Avenue by the Choir composed of the musical talent of the congregation, has been definite and constant through the half century. The music rendered by the choir has always been an integral part of the services, and it has loyally supported the succession of ministers of the Church.

It has been fortunate in its leadership through the years. Memory recalls the early musical directors; Messrs. Hans Mackenzie, Frank R. Oliver, Gerald Clute and Miss McQuay, who all showed vigor and effectiveness. We can recall the capable organists of the old Church as we vision the Misses Tupper, MacKay, L. Oliver, (Mrs. T. W. Fawcett), Mrs. Oliver, Mr. Musselwhite and R. T. Coveney. Later came Mr. W. M. Preston as leader with Miss Smith at the organ, when the quality of our Choir work began to make its impression upon the musical life of Saskatoon. Among associates of the Choir loft we remember the Misses Quance, Fenton and Clara Cairns; Mesdames Reder, Davis and Horne; Mr. and Mrs. Sid Foster, Messrs. Edward Parr, E. Riddell and Frank Semmens.

When Mr. Francis Stevenson became conductor with Mr. Wm. Williams as organist, the Choir soon made a name for itself, winning the Sangerfest shield in competition with other city choirs. Mr. Stevenson's contribution both as leader and later as organist also was unique in quality and in duration of service, long to be remembered.

Following Mr. Williams, Mr. Arthur Bates was engaged as organist and Mrs. Bates was a paid soloist. Both these clever musicians greatly enriched the musical quality of the Choir.

After Mr. Bates left to take Knox Church organ, Mr. Stevenson carried on alone until in September 1933 Mr. Geo. H. Peaker, one of the noted organists of the west, was engaged. In the autumn of 1934 Dr. Rodger Manning, a tenor soloist of note and a fine interpreter of Bach, became associated with Mr. Peaker as conductor.

Dr. H. C. Boughton succeeded Mr. Peaker and for some years gave efficient musical co-operation in association with Dr. Manning.

Later Mr. D. H. Howat, F.T.C.L., became conductor-organist and was succeeded by Mr. Fred A. MacKinnon, B.A., M.Educ, as choir director and Mr. T. R. Whittet as organist, who are our present choral leaders. Mr. C. O. Noyes is Choir President this year.

Outstanding Soloists of recent years include Miss Sidney Aird (paid soprano), afterwards Mrs. Sidney Aird Hogarth, Miss Gertrude McEachern (Mrs. Stanley Edwards) soprano, Mrs. Grace Arneson, contralto, Mrs. Nellie Clayton and Mrs. Scott, sopranos; Dr. J. S. Brown, Jack Baines, Ned Rayner, baritones, J. Wanstall, tenor.

The Choir of today inherits a tradition of love and loyalty to a musical ideal whose expression is in worship and service.

Back row, left to right: N. H. Korpan, G. F. Schwalm, W. M. Holliston, C. O. Noyes (President), C. A. Gracewood, C. F. Rhoden, N. Rayner, P. C. Hogle, K. Dryden, M. Gentle, John Stockton, J. Graham.

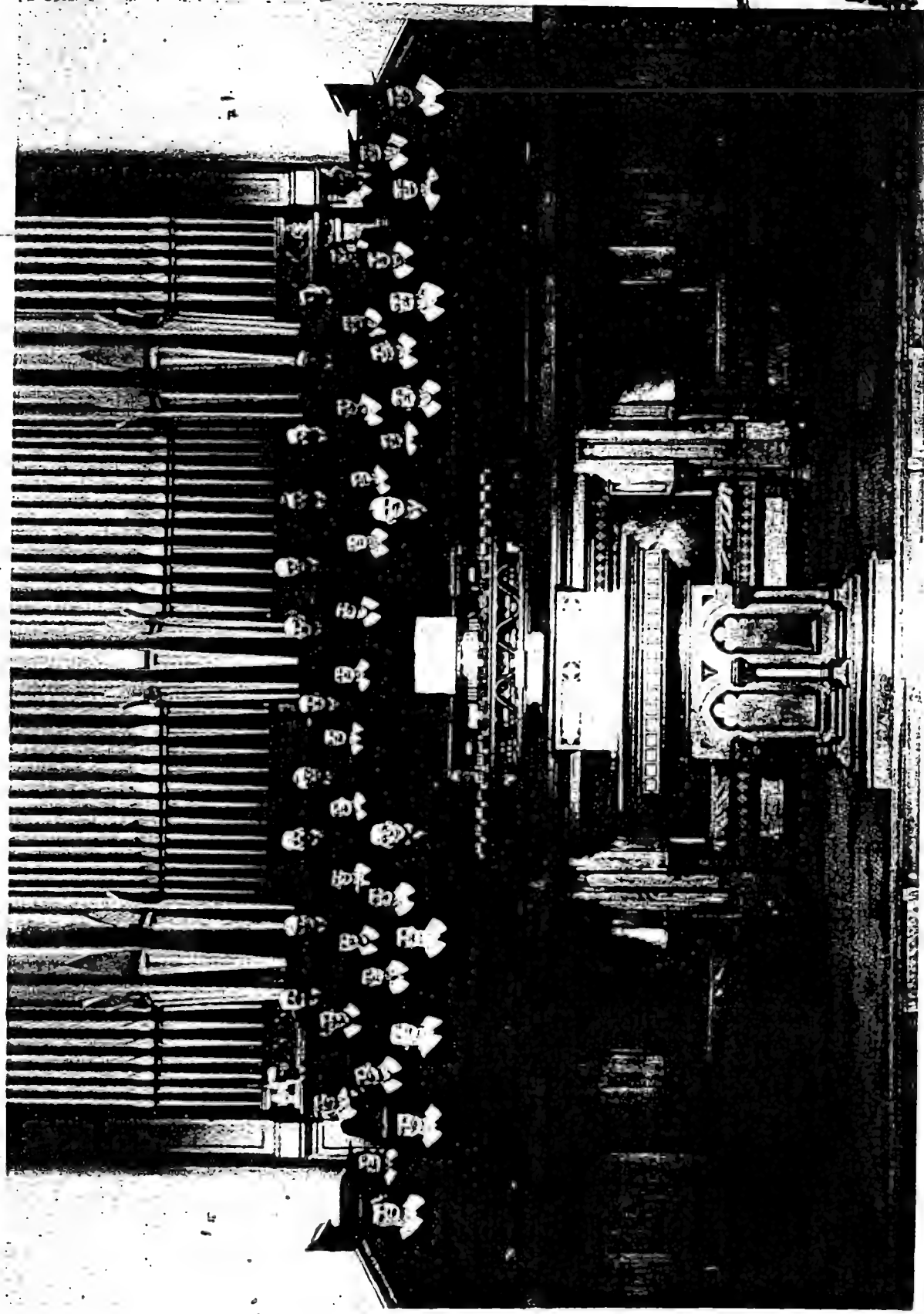
Third row: Mrs. J. Clayton, Miss F. Shannon, Mrs. A. Maybee, Mrs. A. Taylor, Miss J. Gidluck, Miss A. Diamond, Mrs. W. R. Murray, Mrs. Halverson, Mrs. P. C. Hogle, Mrs. G. G. Patrick, Mrs. L. Tubb, Miss J. Kernen, Miss G. Tubb, Mrs. C. Hunt.

Second row: Mrs. A. R. Clarke, Mrs. C. E. Collard, Mrs. R. C. Thompson, Mrs. L. O'Donnell, Miss Joy Clark, Mrs. N. Rayner, Miss Gloria Rhoden, Miss Betty Moses.

First row: Miss Anne Campbell, Miss Marian Patrick, Miss F. Smith, Miss F. Wright, Mr. F. A. McKinnon (Conductor), Mr. T. R. Whittet (Organist), Miss Craitch, Miss J. Beynon, Miss Mary Morrison, Miss C. Clarke.

Missing: Mr. J. Wanstall, Mr. D. O'Donnell, Mr. C. Murray, Mr. D. Garner, Miss Willa Kernen, Miss S. Sylvester, Miss I. Seierstad, Mrs. J. B. Scott, Mrs. J. Wanstall, Mrs. A. Hargreaves, Mrs. C. E. Peterson, Mrs. P. J. Diamond, Mrs. J. Holler, Mrs. E. Holler, Mr. D. Dragseth, Mrs. George Porteous.

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Church Organizations



GOLDEN KEYS MISSION BAND

The Golden Keys Mission Band has progressed very favourably under the splendid direction of Mrs. D. M. Milne associated with Miss Ida Cruikshank.

BABY BAND AND CRADLE ROLL

This department is under the capable supervision of Mrs. Orval Jackson. She is also in attendance at Baptismal services. Her gracious manner is much appreciated by parents who bring their children to church for baptism.

THE LIVINGSTONE MISSION CIRCLE

This Circle is active under the presidency of Miss Marjory Hellofs, who is doing excellent work in this department.

FLOWER COMMITTEE

The Flower Committee under Mrs. P. H. Coad and Mrs. R. E. Swain as conveners, has given admirable and untiring service in securing and placing the floral decorations in the Sanctuary from Sunday to Sunday.



THE BOY SCOUTS AND CUBS

In September, 1948, a committee with J. DeLisle Thompson, Chairman, organized a Wolf Cub Pack, the 22nd Saskatoon Cub Pack. The Cub Master is James McKenzie with Chas. F. Rhoden, John McKay and Wm. Robson as assistants. Later the 20th Saskatoon Third Avenue Boy Scout Group was organized with Mr. William Nickel, Scoutmaster. With him is associated Gordon Brown as assistant. This is a popular Boys' organization with morale and discipline excellent. Religious life and influence is emphasized. These organizations have an important place in the Church departments.

PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Fred L. Deugau has charge of the distribution of the booklet entitled "The Upper Room." This work is most capably handled by him.

CHURCH SECRETARY

The west door of the Church gives access to the Church vestry where the Church Secretary, Mrs. Grace Bennett, is to be found from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday to Friday of each week. For some years Mrs. Bennett has been the efficient Secretary of the minister.

CHURCH OFFICER

Mr. Charles Stone has been the Church Officer for several years and with the meetings of so many Church organizations, funerals, weddings, etc., he is always busy, with order and cleanliness as his motto.



C.G.I.T. AND EXPLORERS

The Senior and Junior program of our Girls' Work in the Church is carried on through the Canadian Girls in Training and the Explorers groups, under the capable leadership of Miss Ellen Parker and Miss Florence Wright. This work offers splendid training in ideals for life service. A fine, full staff of leaders is giving most creditable guidance to the girls belonging to these active groups.



Young Couples' Club

With many strong bonds of common interest in home and Church and community life the Young Couples' Club offers fellowship and relaxation and stimulating resourcefulness to one of the most essential groups of our Church people. Presidents "Bob" (N. H.) and Amelia Ross head up a happy, active organization that acts as a real friendship centre. The annual Christmas Pageant has been a feature of our Church year, to which we all look forward, and this has been a contribution of our Couples' Club.



The Mothers' Club

The Mothers' Club is a unique organization, being the only one of its kind in the city. The monthly meetings draw mothers from various churches, and are attended by those whose interests centre mostly around problems that concern the home and childhood, and family life. Outstanding speakers have given richly and willingly to those who attend. Mrs. J. G. Murray is the president of the Club. The service this club renders is of distinct and unusual value to all who avail themselves of its opportunities for sociability and enlightenment.

THE STORY OF FIFTY YEARS

A History of Third Avenue United Church

METHODISM in Saskatoon had its beginnings just at the turn of the century.



Rev. Arthur Barner, D.D.

In 1900 a young student missionary was sent to the Saskatoon Mission. He and his wife drove through one hundred miles of country to reach his field where he found one hundred and thirteen people settled on both banks of the river. Development began in 1901 when the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company prospected the country. Each new day saw new buildings being hastily erected. Day and night the hammers sounded. From the Nutana side Rev. Arthur Barner gazed across to the "station side", and he became fired with the idea that it was time to open services where rapid expansion was indicated. So he secured a small hall on the site now occupied by the Yale Hotel, and Methodism became the small beginning of the present Third Avenue United Church, called by Rev. J. W. Clarke, M.C., D.D., "a poem in stone". Mr. Barner opened an appointment at Floral. Smithville was already a flourishing country appointment.

With the coming of the Barr Colonists from England in 1903, expansion was rapid; congregations grew weekly. Mr. Barner writes—"the one thing which impressed us as we looked to the future was the need of laying spiritual foundations for the community which was to be, knowing that

"righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." We trust that those spiritual foundations have stood the test of time.

He did not dream that within a dozen years there would grow from such a small beginning one of the stateliest Churches in the west, equal in architecture to that in any city in Canada.

From that date Saskatoon soon became known as the fastest growing centre in Canada. In harmony with this expansion, the little Hall soon proved too small for the congregation and it was moved to the Dulmage Hall over the store of the same name, the site of which is now absorbed in the site of the Arena Rink.

IN 1903 Rev. J. W.

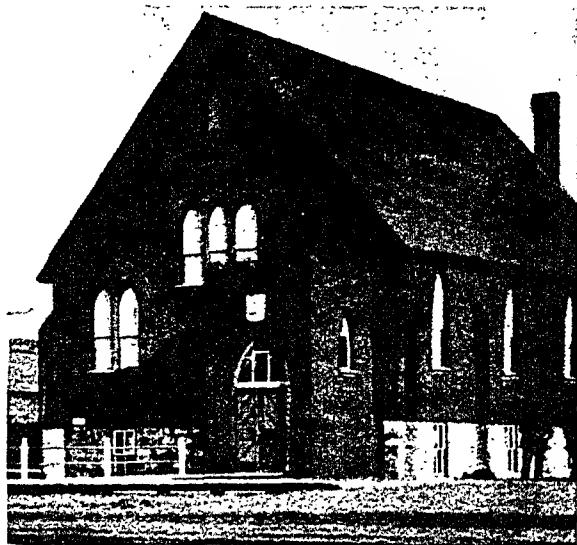
Churchill succeeded Mr. Barner. He found a flourishing congregation filled with growing pains and striding forward with the status of a self-supporting congregation. Dulmage Hall also proving to be too small, the more commodious hall over the new J. F. Cairns store on the site now occupied by the Bank of Commerce was used. Nothing could stop expansion, a typical Western trait. Soon a Trustee Board was organized, and plans were made for a new Church and parsonage.



Rev. J. W. Churchill, M.A.

The first Minutes of this Board are dated May 25, 1903. The men who answered to this pioneer call were: Messrs. J. Archie Smith, James Leslie, J. E. Saunders, Geo. R. Fraser, Leonard Norman, Frank R. Oliver and D. T. Smith (later City Solicitor). Mr. Smith was the first Secretary and J. E. Saunders, Treasurer. Six lots were secured on Third Avenue, where now stands the T. Eaton Company grocery department, at a cost of \$450.00. Typifying the resourcefulness of those pioneer days, Mr. Churchill became his own architect and designed the buildings. Work on both buildings was completed at a cost of \$8,000 and \$2,000 respectively. A very graphic sidelight is evidenced in the phenomenal growth of the west in general and the City of Saskatoon in particular, by the fact that just seven years later in 1911, an investor paid \$75,000 for this same property, at land valuation only, for the Church was immediately demolished. The Parsonage was moved to the corner of Avenue "B" and 24th Street by the late F. E. Guppy, J.P. and is now used as a residence.

In January 1904 the new Church was opened and dedicated for worship. The Rev. Oliver Darwin, D.D., later the well known and beloved Superintendent of Missions throughout Northern Saskat-





Rev. M. M. Bennett, B.A.

A smartly dressed young school teacher was appointed president of the Young People's Society. He was Mr. W. M. Holliston. Coming to Saskatoon on January 1, 1904, Mr. Holliston joined the Choir at that time and he has been singing lustily in the tenor section ever since, and once filled the position of Sunday School Superintendent. For some years he was Choir president.

Missionary expansion was the motivating spirit of the day and a typical circuit was organized, comprising Saskatoon, Nutana, Smithville and Taylor.

The Rev. J. W. Churchill received a call to Wesley Church, Winnipeg, in 1905, and was succeeded in this Methodist stronghold by Rev. M. M. Bennett who came from Indian Head, Saskatchewan. About this time Church departments were

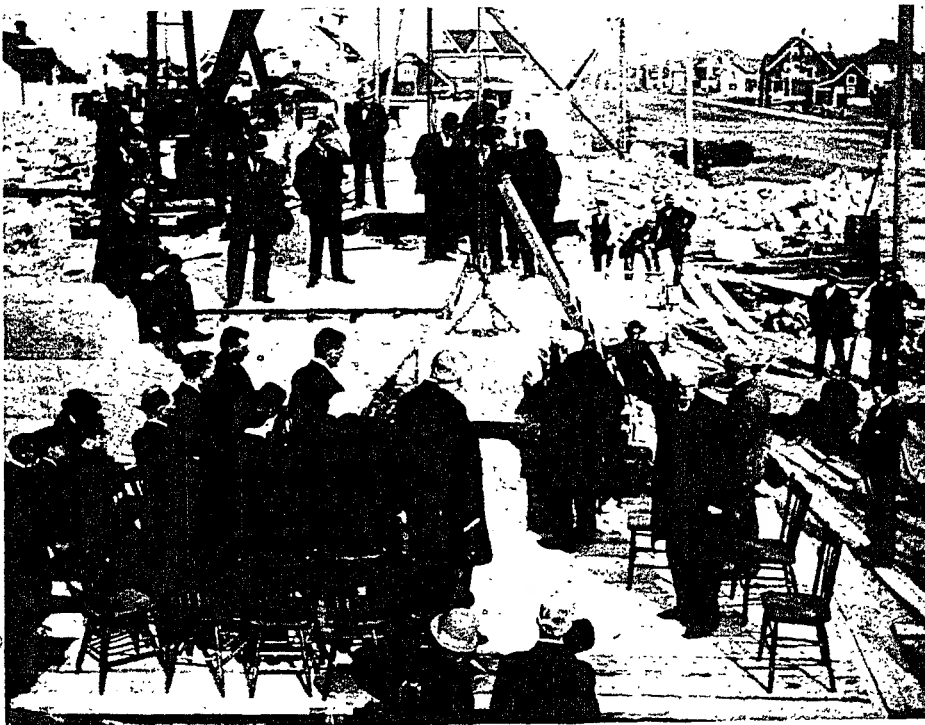
chewan, preached the opening sermon. In the awareness of his mental vision he prophesied that in ten years they "would find the place too strait for them." It proved all too true. The Church was equipped for community service. Its Gymnasium was a live centre of social activity. Mr. Hans Mackenzie was the first Choir Leader and Mrs. Tupper the first organist, with Frank R. Oliver the first Sunday school superintendent.

expanded and new men were added. Mr. J. H. Holmes, who also sang in the choir, became Recording Steward of the Official Board in August 1906. He has continued in that office ever since. In 1904 and 1908 Mr. D. Stanley King appears on the Official and Trustee Boards respectively. In 1907 Mr. T. W. Fawcett was elected Treasurer of the Official Board, and except for a period of leave of absence for Overseas Service, he has carried that office faithfully and in the full confidence of the Board to the present day. Mr. Fawcett was appointed to the Trustee Board and elected Treasurer in 1909, continuing also in this office to the present day. During Mr. Fawcett's absence overseas Mr. W. H. Cleveland carried on the Treasurership with all its financial worries.

Riversdale, west of the railway lines through the city, was expanding rapidly and in November 1906 Third Avenue Official Board grew interested in the possibilities for a Mission in that area. Mr. Wm. Hopkins (later Mayor of Saskatoon) together with Messrs. A. J. Sparling, David Lusk and J. A. Smith became the Building Committee of the new project, and a Church was erected on the corner of Avenue G and 19th Street, becoming the well known Wesley Church. To accommodate Third



Rev. W. W. Abbott, B.A., B.D.,



Cornerstone Laying by David Lusk, May 13, 1912

Avenue's growing congregation a gallery was built across the end of the Church, and the choir loft was deepened.

Rev. M. M. Bennett completed his ministry in 1908, being succeeded by the Rev. W. W. Abbott. Still the congregation grew and finally the Official Board decided at a momentous meeting held October 13, 1910, that the time was ripe to build a much larger Church, and settled on the year 1911 in which to begin operations.

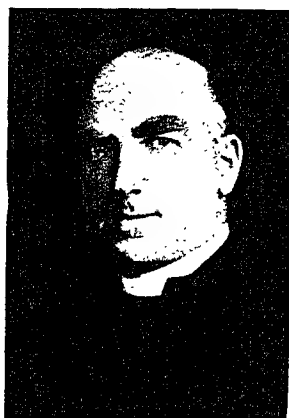
Messrs. Sherrif L. G. Calder, J. H. Holmes and T. W. Fawcett were appointed a Committee with power to sell the Church property. Mr. W. H. Cleveland, another official of many years, was appointed Chairman of a Building Committee with Mr. T. W. Fawcett, Chairman of the Finance Committee. The Church and parsonage were sold January 5, 1911. Mr. J. N. Semmens of Winnipeg was engaged as the architect for the new Church. The Building Committee purchased a new site on the north-east corner of Third Avenue and Twenty-fourth Street. "Tis said—"There were giants in the land in those days."

The Board of Trustees who then stoutly shouldered the initial weight of this great enterprise was as follows: Messrs. Sheriff L. G. Calder, Wm. Christiansen, W. H. Cleveland, T. W. Fawcett, C. A. Gillespie, Elliot Gordon, J. H. Holmes, D. S. King, S. T. Kempthorne, F. H. Semmens, A. J. Sparling, John Spicer, and Dr. T. W. Walker.

Of this group it is interesting to note that three are minister's sons: Messrs. Walker, Semmens and Holmes.

The cost figures of the new building are interesting, in view of the present day building costs. They include—

Land and Building	\$162,500	
Organ	10,000	
Furnishings	13,200	
Windows	5,500	
Manse	16,300	Total \$207,500.00



Rev. Fred Williams

The story of the official opening of this great "Stone Church" is best told in the historical review penned by the Rev. Fred Williams. In it he writes:

"In the summer of 1912 the Rev. C. W. Brown began a ministry that was to see the erection and completion of this magnificent Cathedral of Methodism in the West. The laying of the Corner Stone was a notable ceremony, taking place on May 13, 1912. Dr. Chown, General Superintendent of



Rev. C. W. Brown

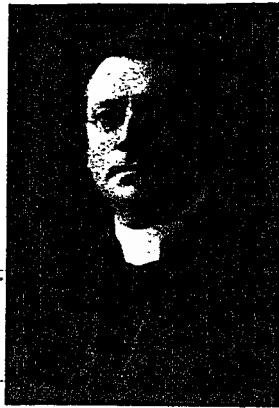
the Methodist Church of Canada, represented the Church at large. The Rev. W. W. Abbott minister of the church presided on this auspicious occasion. Associated with him were notable figures in the life of City and Province. Dr. Walter Murray, President of the University of Saskatchewan, in a brief but notable address, referred to the new Church as "the first permanent home of religion in Saskatoon." Mayor Clinkskill, who had been at the Corner Stone Laying of the first Church, offered the congratulations of the City. The Corner Stone was laid by one of the great figures of Third Avenue history, David Lusk. Many people, both lay and clerical, whose names became household words in Saskatoon appear in the picture of that memorable scene. During the period of construction, the congregation worshipped under inevitable difficulties, first in the Empire Theatre and later in the old Victoria Theatre. There, for many months, Gospel and Gaiety spoke in their respective tones to the needs of human hearts.

At last on the 29th day of June, in the year 1913, the majestic pile was ready for dedication to the glory of God and the service of mankind. The spacious auditorium and galleries, seating 1,400 people, proved unequal to the occasion. At both morning and evening services, chairs and other emergency seating accommodation were pressed into service. The devoted Minister of the Church, the Rev. C. W. Brown, was in charge of the services, assisted by the Revs. E. Val Tilton, Hugh Cairns and R. J. W. Churchill. The famous Rev. Dr. Salem G. Bland, a brilliant speaker and fearless thinker preached the sermons. In the morning he spoke to the great congregation on "The Pre-eminence of Jesus" and at night he preached on a subject dear to his heart, "The Holy City", proclaiming in no uncertain voice that Christianity and good Citizenship go hand in hand. One of his sentences was prophetic of a day just then dawning on the new horizons of life. "Make Saskatoon, already unique in the West for its enterprise and ambition, a City that will watch over the immigrant, the stranger and the poor. Seek the highest welfare, not of a few men who climb to prosperity on the backs of others, but of the whole city."



Rev. G. K. B. Adams

The Choir for the day was under the baton of Mr. Wm. Preston with Mr. Fred M. Gee, of Winnipeg, at the new organ. In the afternoon, a Sunday School Rally was held with the Revs. E. Val Tilton and John Lewis as special speakers. To the matchless notes of the Halleluiah Chorus, the new Church was finally launched on its ministry of love and light.



Rev. W. S. Reid, D.D.



Rev. E. A. Chester, B.A., B.D.

The following years have been marked by steady progress often seen in the light of a grim steadfastness in the face of immense difficulties. Rev. C. W. Brown on whose shoulders fell the task of leadership in building, completed his Ministry in Saskatoon in 1916, and was followed by the Rev. G. K. B. Adams, and he in turn by one of the outstanding figures of the West in the person of Dr. Robert Milliken, the latter coming from an unusually effective ministry at Metropolitan Church in Regina. In those days the Church was a great power, not only among the citizenry of the City but to an unusual degree among the Student body of the University. Dr. Milliken made history also in being the first minister of the Church to remain five years in the one pastorate. He was followed by Dr. W. S. Reid, and he in turn by the Rev. E. A. Chester, B.A., B.D., whose choice ministry closed in June, 1934, he being called to Toronto. During the five year ministry of Mr. Chester the Church, long the conservator of Methodist ideals and practices, organized its official life in accord with the new constitution of the United Church of Canada, and in 1930 the Session, Stewards and Official Board replaced the former organization.

Club so that regular correspondence was maintained with the men and women overseas. He organized a committee among the women, who made a splendid contribution of sewing and knitting to the women's work committee of the Red Cross.

A man of dynamic personality, optimism and vision, Mr. Packham's effectiveness and power in the pulpit was patent to all. Many, with a growing desire for spiritual enlightenment, came to hear him and never failed to receive help, while groping their way to a knowledge of God's plan of salvation. Mr. Packham's keen analytical expositions of truth in relation to modern life brought his hearers a clearer conception of the meaning and intent of the Gospel. The constant growth of his congregation indicated the measure of his personality. The young people loved him and flocked to hear him.

Before leaving in 1947 Mr. Packham had the satisfaction of sharing in the liquidation of the Church debt of \$62,000 being ably assisted by every Board member under the Chairmanship of Mr. W. L. Noyes, followed by Mr. John Morrison and with a congregation fired with sacrificial zeal. A \$12,000 bequest from the late Andrew N. Boyd as an Organ Fund Memorial pin-pointed the campaign for debt reduction.

Dr. Packham received his Doctor of Divinity honor from St. Andrew's College prior to leaving for a new pastorate at Chown Memorial Church, Vancouver, B.C.

His successor, Rev. L. B. Campbell, B.A., D.D., received a similar honor the same year from Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax, N.S., just after coming to Saskatoon from First United Church, Sydney, N.S., in the Maritime Conference. He remains the present pastor, respected and beloved by his congregation, and highly esteemed by his fellow ministers of the city, who recognize in him a spiritually minded expositor of Eternal Truth.

Rev. G. Stanley Packham, of North Bay, Ontario, was invited and arrived in 1938, coming in the waning depression years, when the large Church debt of over \$62,000 was adding interest to principle. To increase his responsibilities, the Second World War, beginning in September 1939 raged on to 1945. During these years Mr. Packham saw many of his Church members and adherents enlist for War Services. He formed a Writers

The Rev. Fred Williams succeeded Rev. E. A. Chester. Coming from Ottawa in 1934, this Australian born, army trained padre endeared himself to all who came under the spell of his oratory. Unfortunately he was called to Sherbrooke, Que., in September 1937 after all available ministers had been stationed. After a desperate search the Board finally succeeded in securing a retired minister, Rev. Crosby Morris, from Ontario for the balance of the year.



Rev. R. Milliken, D.D.



Rev. G. Stanley Packham, D.D.

Messages from Former Ministers

Rev. G. Stanley Packham, B.A., D.D.

Rev. Fred Williams

Rev. G. Stanley Packham, B.A., D.D., for nine years a most beloved Pastor through depression and the Second World War, sends greetings. He writes:

"Mrs. Packham, Peter, Ruth and I wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to the good people of Third Avenue United Church on attaining their Fiftieth Anniversary—May the blessing of God be upon you all.

When we think of Third Avenue we recall nine of the most worth while years of our lives.

The Lovely City of Saskatoon—we shall always think of it as such. Its wide streets and boulevards; its lovely homes warm with friendly hospitality; the swirling waters of the Saskatchewan demanding lovely bridges and sloping garden banks; its great Churches and the beloved fellowship of their people and Ministers; the interesting community spirit and the reasonable pride of the citizens; the public and high schools each with a lovely garden and shrubs; the University group, dignified and beautiful, and our own St. Andrew's. Yes, we shall always love Saskatoon, A City of Learning . . . healing . . . and giving.

We think of your fellowship at Third Avenue and of our lives with you. Never have we known a more courageous, a more devoted, a more loyal people. We recall the closing years of the great Depression—then the coming of the rains bringing new hope and responsive activity. Then—so soon after—the Second Great War; our boys going off by the score; the "Writers' Club." We are still proud of our stand during that great war period. Third Avenue remained true and constant to the Christ. We accepted our share in the sins of man and tried to express in our lives the principle of Reconciliation. In a sense the war goes on.

We now rejoice with you in your present ministry as we follow with great interest your life from week to week. Our lives are richer since our intimate fellowship with you all. May we all advance and grow in the infinite riches of His Grace and Glory."

Very Sincerely Yours,

G. Stanley Packham.

To the Official Board and Congregation of Third Avenue United Church, Saskatoon:

"Herewith I send you hearty and happy greetings on the memorable occasion of your Jubilee. Memories are often nostalgic, and times without number I have slipped into one of the pews of that stately Church that fronts on City Park, with imagination weaving patterns of the past as my eyes roved over the massive timbers that marked a unique ceiling unmatched in any other Church I served. At other times, with quaking knees, I have stood in the pulpit wishing that ability and opportunity were equal, each to each.

The portrait of the Church has hung ever since in my study, and in these days of retirement still holds a foremost place.

Third Avenue was a great place in which to serve. Great in the edifice, a veritable poem in stone, with a centrality that seemed to suggest year in and year out the centrality of that faith that alone can keep life, individual or collective, in balance. But it was also a great place in which to serve through the consecrated personalities of the men and women, the "Living Stones" of the Temple of God, who were for the brief years in which I was privileged to serve, partners in the greatest enterprise on earth. Often and often their pictures pass in panorama across the screen of memory. Folk who gave of their self and substance without stint; of their fellowship without reserve; of their talents without measure.

The events of our day, and the pronouncements of the finest thought of our time, are assuring us as never before in our lifetime that what we proclaim is the very heart of our hope for any worthwhile tomorrow. We are seeing the verification of that Word across twenty centuries of troubled human life—"I am The Way . . . The Truth . . . and The Life."

Strategically set as you are in one of the key cities of the Western Prairies, my prayer for you is that you may go on "from strength to strength" toward that goal whose achievement is the "City of God."

Fred Williams.

Rev. E. A. Chester

Dear Friends:

With a fine picture of Third Avenue Church propped conspicuously on my desk, and my mind racing with memories of a never-to-be-forgotten pastorate among you, I am undertaking to put into cold print what lies in my heart.

I realize that the constituency has changed greatly since that day in early July, 1929 when we landed at the C.N.R. Station to be greeted not only by Church officials but by the Board of Trade representing the City of Saskatoon. From that moment we belonged. No doubt our predecessors and our successors have felt the same, for such is the friendly spirit of Saskatchewan.

Then came the first Sunday. I was pacing restlessly in the vestry, hoping God would strengthen me to speak a good word for Jesus Christ. When I thought of that wide expanse on which the pulpit stands and the yawning auditorium, I was afraid. But the elders and others who had come into the vestry heartened me by relating that Rev. Dr. Milliken, a great and tested preacher, on his first morning had felt the same. Who was I to question that God would not let me down?

Five years we toiled, prayed and suffered together. Four of those years were depression years. Not only was there that huge mortgage of \$60,000 on which to meet high interest charges, but a bank overdraft of \$3,000 and the bank manager was a Mr. Savage. I learned soon what courage, faith and sacrifice meant. I am glad now that I shared in the sacrifice with officials and rank and file church members, for in no other way could I have known the depth of the fellowship of those who stand together and love the Lord.

And now on your Fiftieth Anniversary you face the future with confidence. You have a beautiful edifice free of debt, but Third Avenue is more than a building, it is "A Community of Memory and Hope." And that community is not of this earth only. It is a Communion of Saints who look down from the ramparts of heaven and among them I see the faces of J. B. Taylor, a Minister; R. A. Anderson, a layman, and many others. They loved the Church; Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for it: we must love Him too.

With all good wishes in which Mrs. Chester joins, and may God bless you one and all.

Eldred A. Chester

Rev. J. W. Churchill

Rev. J. W. Churchill sent this message.

"Many pleasant memories come to our minds as we think of our ministry in Third Avenue Church. We recall the happy and helpful fellowship with the people of those pioneer days, and we shall never forget the loyalty and courage of the faithful band of Christian workers, with whom we were permitted to labor in the Master's Cause.

Through much struggle and sacrifice, the members and adherents erected the first Third Avenue Church, during our ministry, which gave way in a few years, to the splendid edifice in which the congregation now worships.

Throughout the years that have elapsed since we left Saskatoon, we have watched with deep interest the steady progress of Third Avenue Church, and we earnestly pray that it may long continue to be a real centre of light and inspiration to all who may from time to time enjoy its ministry and fellowship."

J. W. Churchill.

Rev. Robt. Milliken

The late Rev. Robert Milliken gave us a magnificent summary of his impressions of Third Avenue Church and congregation. This makes a fitting finale to our story of Fifty Years.

"Perhaps no other place, and certainly no other part of my ministry, has given me greater satisfaction, or left a deeper and more abiding impress on heart and thought than my association with the good people of Third Avenue Church. I try sometimes to account for this because of three things:

First — because of the wonderful beauty and dignity — the cathedral-like impressiveness of the building itself, with its almost unconscious spiritual appeal and the atmosphere of sacredness and devotion which seem naturally to belong to it—in itself stirring that which is highest and holiest within one and producing that thoughtful and chastened mood so essential in all real and helpful worship.

Second—because of the sincerity and sympathy—the thoughtfulness and strength of character that mark the men and women who compose its constituency. Plain, earnest, God-fearing—nothing of either snobbery or sycophancy—seeking to develop in themselves that nobility and Christlikeness of

life which is the essential thing in the Christian profession—and at the same time striving in every way possible to help their fellows and bring in the kingdom of God.

Third—because of the attitude and spirit of self-sacrifice and service—of loyalty and devotion, which, during all the hard and trying years—the extremely discouraging and difficult conditions—have marked their effort and determination to have

and preserve inviolate their beloved Church. None but those who have labored and helped in the bearing of the burden with them, know the depth and intensity of their feeling, and the sacrifice and suffering undergone in this regard. And so my thought and prayer are for continued guidance and blessing and something of the realization of all that is dearest and most desired in the consecration and purpose of a devoted people."

Robert Milliken



Rev. J. B. Taylor had been the zealous Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society after his active pastorate of many years. He was an Elder of long standing in Third Avenue Church. In 1944 he was appointed chairman of the Missionary and Maintenance Committee, and by his indefatigable energy, enthusiasm and appeal he aroused an interest in the M. & M. Fund that has been growing yearly.



Mr. Taylor was preceded by Mr. R. A. Anderson, a layman, who from 1914 to 1947 very capably filled the dual offices of Chairman and Treasurer of the Missionary and Maintenance Committee of our church. He was an active member of the official Board since 1914 and an Elder for many years who endeared himself to all who knew him as a Christian gentleman.

Long-Service Ministerial Members

Down through the years a number of super-annuated ministers have been on Third Avenue's membership roll. In many ways throughout the Presbytery these men have continued to serve their Master and have loyally supported their Minister. Among them appear the names of Rev. J. W. Holmes, Rev. H. G. Cairns, Rev. A. J. Belton, Rev. D. C. Day, Rev. J. B. Taylor, Rev. A. Kelmo.

Rev. J. W. Holmes, retired from the London conference, organized and opened the Church at Biggar and took services at a number of settlements in the Saskatoon area.

Rev. D. C. Day became the first Clerk of Session after Union, and was followed by Mr. S. E. Fawcett in 1932—a position he still occupies at the present day.

Items of Interest

The Pulpit Bible now in use was a gift to the Church from Mr. D. Stanley King, one of the "originals".

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The Pulpit Hymn Book used until after the time of Union was presented by Mr. W. Merrill Eastcott. The present Hymn Book was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Fitzpatrick.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Murphy and family presented to Third Avenue Church, the chaste and beautiful Silver Communion Service.

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Mrs. H. V. Ross, Superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday School, with a present staff of twelve assistants, has filled her office, since 1928—twenty-three years—missing two Sundays only—a notable record.

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The first child to be baptized in the new Church was Margaret Kathleen Cruise, infant daughter of the late Mr. Geo. A. Cruise, K.C. and Mrs. Cruise who received the Rite of Baptism at the hands of the late Rev. C. W. Brown on July 13th, 1913.

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Miss Grace Taylor (Mrs. D. M. Milne) who was designated at Third Avenue Church for Mission work in Japan where she served for three and a half years, followed by half a year at Home Mission work in Sudbury and a year in the Indian School at Port Simpson, B.C.

Third Avenue has given to the Christian Ministry one of her boys, Rev. Philip David Ross, H/Ft. Lt. R.C.A.F., now in Ontario; and to the deaconess work, Miss Willa A. Kernan, who has just left for training in The United Church Training School, Toronto.

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The heavy pastoral duties of Third Avenue required assistance and in 1950 Mr. Douglas Garner, B.A. was engaged as Assistant to the Minister. Mr. Garner, a third year undergraduate in Theology at St. Andrew's College, is re-engaged for this Anniversary year.

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Enthusiasm and social life has developed with the membership of the Carpet Bowling Club, now numbering over 100. Weekly games, over twelve carpets on the new hall floors, bring together both members and adherents.

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The late Mr. Chas. B. Degeer and Mrs. Degeer came to Saskatoon in 1902 and associated themselves with the early church upon their arrival here. Mrs. Degeer has shared with interest all the changing phases of the progressive life of the women's section of our church.

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The Church owns the adjoining one hundred feet of property to the north. This was purchased and earmarked for future church expansion.

Church Directory

Recording Steward Official Board	Mr. J. H. Holmes	Phone 4543
Clerk of Session	Mr. S. E. Fawcett	98675
Chairman, Committee of Stewards	Mr. P. C. Hogle	22960
Church Treasurer	Mr. T. W. Fawcett	98911
Chairman, M. & M. Fund	Mr. Evan Jones	23009
Treasurer, M. & M. Fund	Mr. T. W. McCann	93195

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

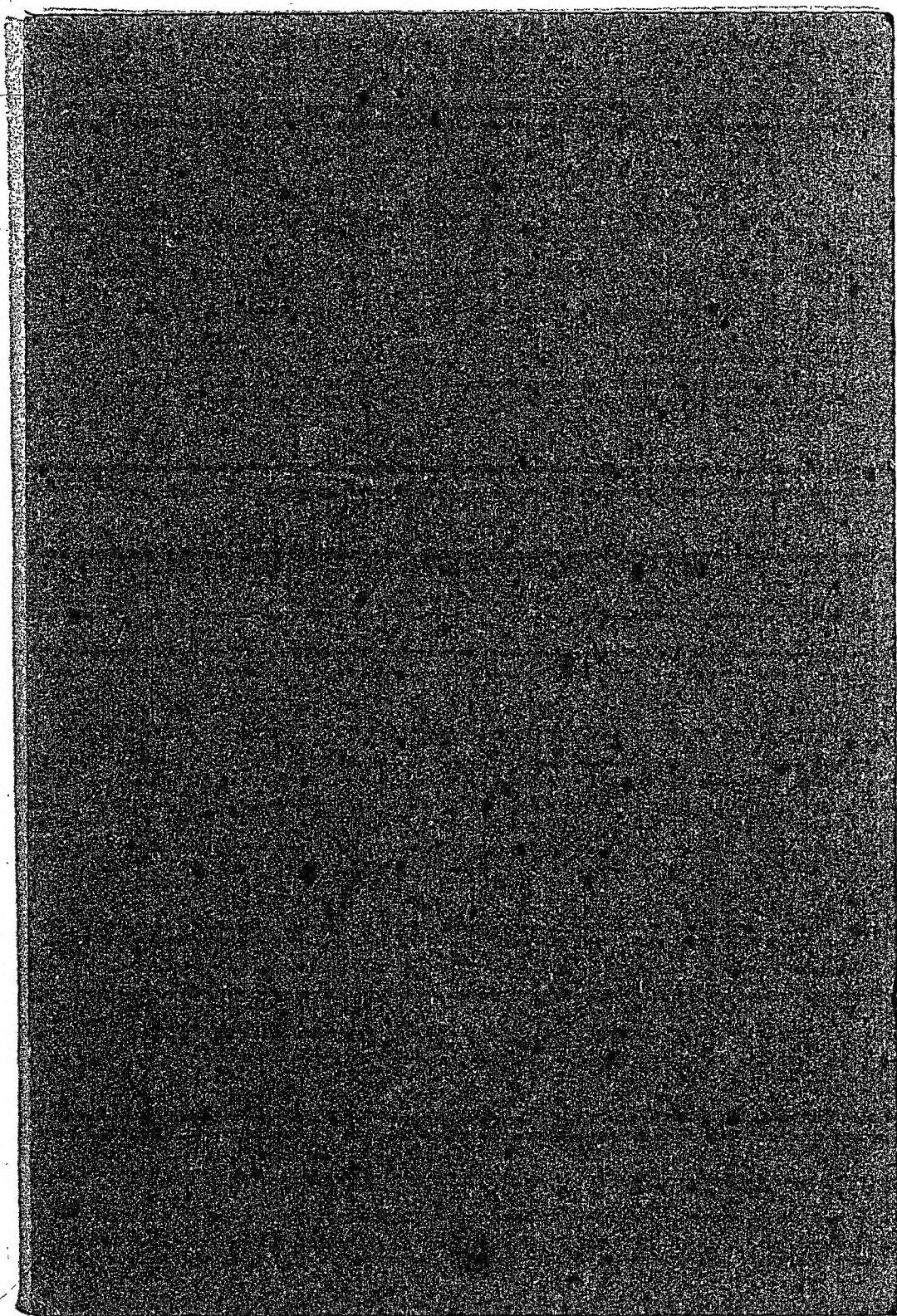
Church School Superintendent	Mr. R. T. Lohman	4891
Primary Department of Church School	Mrs. H. V. Ross	6794
Baby Band and Cradle Roll	Mrs. Orval Jackson	98365
Nursery Department	Mrs. John Morrison	91455
C.G.I.T. Superintendent	Miss Ellen Parker	22516
Explorers Superintendent	Miss Florence Wright	5638
The Choir, President	Mr. Clark O. Noyes	8345
Woman's Association, President	Mrs. J. W. Sutherland	23942
Woman's Missionary Society, President	Mrs. H. W. Mitchell	97939
W.M.S. Evening Auxiliary, President	Mrs. H. J. Kernan	8756
W.M.S. Grace Taylor Auxiliary, President	Miss Ida Cruickshank	8459
Livingstone Mission Circle, President	Miss Marjory Hellofs	7848
Golden Keys Mission Band Superintendent	Mrs. D. M. Milne	22136
Young People's Union, President	Miss Irene Seierstad	
Couples' Club, Presidents	N. H. (Bob) and Amelia Ross	4064-11
Mothers' Club, President	Mrs. J. G. Murray	7441
Scout and Wolf Cub Committee Chairman	Mr. De Lisle Thompson	4513
Scoutmaster	Mr. Wm. Nickel	97290
Cubmaster	Mr. James W. McKenzie	23713
Carpet Bowling Club, President	Mr. T. W. Fawcett	98911
Flower Committee, Conveners	Mrs. P. H. Coad and Mrs. R. E. Swain	22116/5464
War Memorial Committee, Convener	Mr. A. Taylor	7108

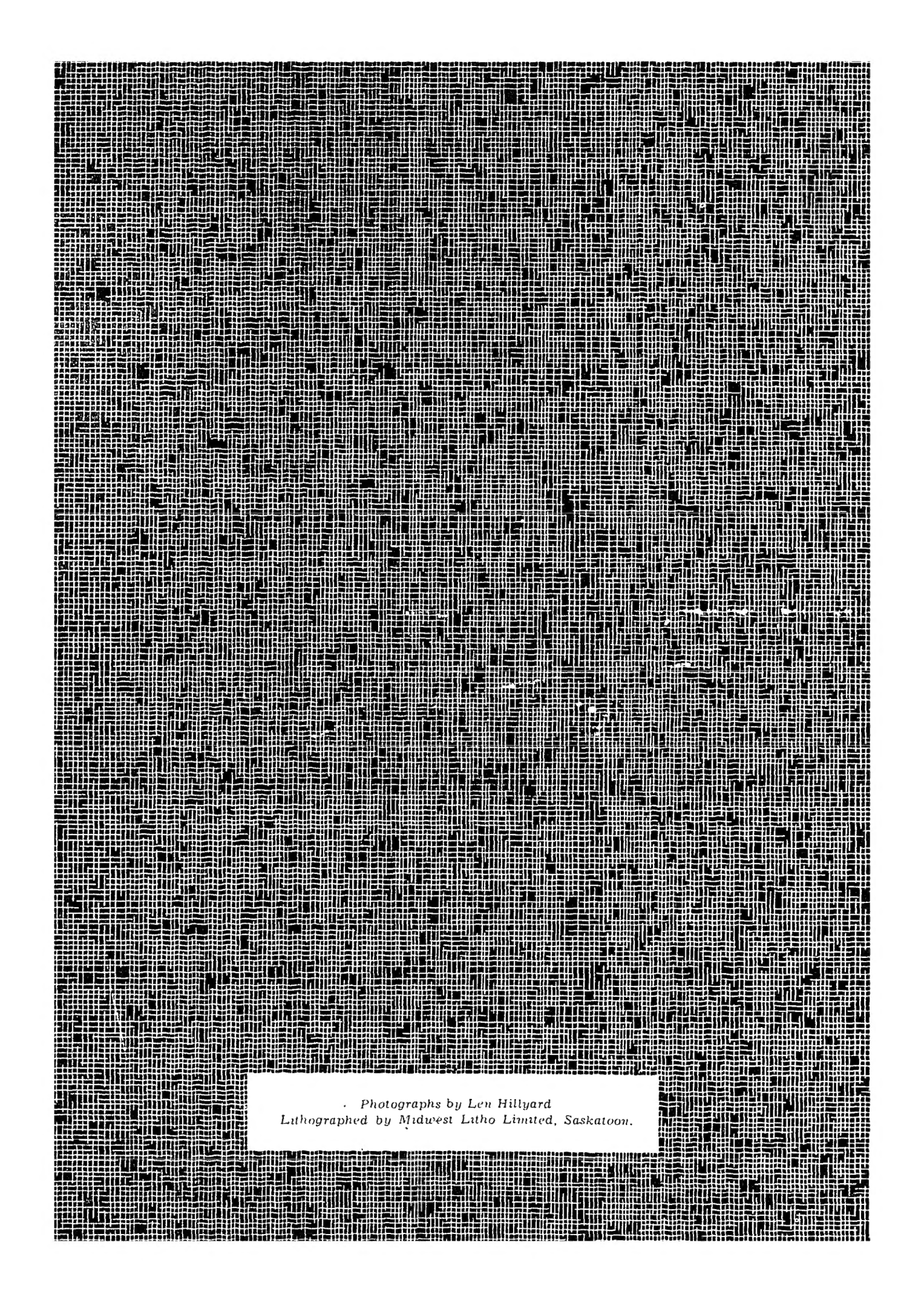
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Your Anniversary Committee deems it a great privilege to have been able to assist in the publicizing of the Golden Jubilee of this great church, and the preparation and compiling of the information for this record of its history of Fifty Years.

As we proceeded we were impressed more and more with the difficulty of presenting well, or even fairly well, its many activities and the zealous and consecrated labours of those who so nobly and so well contributed to its mission and its objectives.

Your committee therefore realizes how much more might have been said and done, and regrets the errors and imperfections that may have entered into it and also the fact that it is far from complete. We trust however that it will be of value and interest to all who have at heart the church's progress and its strivings for the advancement of the kingdom of God.





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